

Minutes

Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Task Force

March 13, 2015

9:00AM – 11:30AM

MN Judicial Center, Room 230

Chair, Deb Kerschner, Department of Corrections

Present:

Member Names	Organization
Spencer Bakke	Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske	Department of Administration
Dean A. Buker	Information Technology Division
Andy Erickson	Ramsey County Community Corrections
Oded Galili	BCA
Michael Goldstein	Chiefs of Police Association
Steve Holmgren	First Judicial District – Public Defenders
Brian Johnson	House of Representatives
Deb Kerschner	Department of Corrections
Jeff McCormick	Chiefs of Police Association
Wayne Minske	MN Association for Court Management
Mark Ostrem	Olmsted County Attorney
Bob Plesha	Attorney General's Office
Jon Ramlo	Rock Nobles Community Corrections
Nate Reitz	MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Rick Smith	Washington County Probation
Bob Sykora	Board of Public Defense
BCA	Interested Parties
Dana Gotz	Beth McMullen
Jill Oliveira	
Bill Pal-Freeman	
Karen Schiller	

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Introductory Items

Chair, Deb Kerschner, called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. Deb Kerschner introduced and welcomed Representative Brian Johnson, who is representing the House of Representatives, and newly appointed to the Task Force. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.** A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 9, 2015 Joint Policy Group and Task Force Meeting minutes. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

Review of the Strategic Plan Draft and Proposed Statutory Changes 299C.65

Deb Kerschner opened the discussion with a brief recap of the events leading to the composition of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Strategic Plan draft, and the 299C.65 statutory change proposals the members were going to review. She then asked the members if there were any changes or additions to present for discussion.

The members questioned whether they could move forward (with these proposals) without an official statutory change made through legislation. It was determined that the language in the current statute states, under Subdivision 2., that the task force is under the direction of the policy group, and with their (the policy group) support, could begin meeting as a single body. Under the direction of the policy group, the task force members could also form subcommittees to address and focus on the detailed planning for each of the five strategies listed in the strategic plan draft.

The discussion then continued onto the current process of recruiting and appointing public members, and ways to change the process language in order to become more effective in getting public members onboard. This discussion led to a motion to change the proposed member appointment language under Subdivision 1, (915) from “four public members appointed by the governor” to two public members appointed by the governor, and two public members appointed by the Council on Crime and Justice. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion did not carry.**

Upon further discussion, another motion was made to amend the language under Subdivision 1, (915) from “four public members appointed by the governor for a term of six years, one of whom represents the interests of victims, and one ~~two~~ of whom are represents ~~representatives~~ of the private business community who have expertise in integrated information systems and who for the purpose of meetings of the full task force may be compensated pursuant to section 15.059.” to four public members from greater Minnesota and the metro areas as approved by the Advisory Group, with a three year term of appointment. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

Yet another motion was then made to strike the three year term of appointment in the motion just carried and rely on the language in section 15.059. After reading the language in section 15.059, it was found to be agreeable. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

The final proposed language for Subdivision 1, (915) is; four public members appointed by the Advisory Group representing both metro and greater Minnesota using the process described in section 15.059.

A motion was made to move the second sentence in Subdivision 1, (b) "The advisory group will serve as the state advisory group on statewide criminal justice information policy and funding issues" to the first sentence in Subdivision 1, (c) as the language in the second sentence under (b) states the purpose of the advisory group as does the language under (c). The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

A motion was made to add the word "statewide" in the language under Subdivision 2, (1) changing it from "status and review of current criminal justice information systems" to status and review of current statewide criminal justice information systems; in order to better define the scope. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

Deb Kerschner asked if there was any other discussion or changes on the proposed changes to the legislation. She then asked the members to vote on the proposed changes made to Statute 299C.65, with the changes we have already voted on, as it has been motion made and seconded as presented by the subcommittee. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.** This document will go to the Policy Group who will review the task force proposals at its March 25th meeting.

Deb Kerschner then asked the members if the five strategies from the strategic plan draft accurately capture how they want to focus their efforts and move forward. And if so, do they want to start forming the subcommittees right away. After some discussion, the members agreed to move forward with forming the subcommittees for each of the five strategies listed in the strategic plan draft. Through the recruitment process, the current bylaws would also be sent out for revision, with status updates to be made at the meeting in May. They will hear in two weeks how the Policy Group decides on the proposals they have made and voted on today.

Other Discussion

Deb Kerschner asked Dana Gotz if the usual program status updates will be presented at the May meeting. Dana responded that an update can be provided at the May meeting, and in the meantime, an electronic update can be sent to the members with the current status of the new system projects under implementation at the BCA.

Dana also reported that there were no policy directives from the BCA for legislation. She added that there is the License Plate Reader (LPR) language moving through, a couple expungement bills and numerous background check bills moving through that they (the BCA) are tracking, but nothing initiated by the BCA. She also reported that they (the MNJIS Division) have a budget appropriation to replace all the LiveScans throughout the state for \$5.2 million dollars and it was included in the Governor's budget. This budget appropriation has been presented to both the House and the Senate, and after the policy deadlines have passed she anticipates hearing more about the budget bills.

The members discussed using technology for Task Force meetings (although some out state areas in greater MN do not have the capability) to increase participation and minimize travel time. Another suggestion was to coordinate meetings between subcommittees and regularly scheduled task force meetings or conduct conference calls, as a way to streamline travel for out state participants.

Deb Kerschner asked if there was any further discussion. There was no further discussion and she asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

Next Meeting

Task Force

Friday, May 8, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Meeting adjourned.